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SUBJECT: TECHNICAL ADVISORS ON EDUCATION T US

DELEGATION TO 19TH SESSION OF UNESCO GENERAL CONFERENCE,
NAIROBI, 26 OCTOBER-30 NOVEMBER 1976

1. PERMDEL'S (TINSMAN) DISCUSSIONS WITH SECRETARIAT
(VARIOUS MEMBERS) CONCERNING GENERAL CONFERENCE AGENDA
AND ANTICIPATED SIMULTANEOUS MEETINGS OF
PROGRAMME COMMISSION II DISCUSSION UNITS 8 THROUGH 10 ON
DOCUMENTS 19 C/4 AND 19 C/5 INDICATE THAT IT IMPERATIVE
REPEAT IMPERATIVE TO HAVE HIGHLY QUALIFIED EDUCATORS AS
TECHNICAL ADVISORS TO USDEL WHO HAVE HAD PREVIOUS
EXPERIENCE AT UNESCO MEETINGS OR CONFERENCES. DIFFICULT
POLITICAL CLIMATE IS ANTICIPATED FOR USDEL AND USG POSITION
ON CRITICAL ISSUES; THEREFORE, USDEL SHOULD HAVE AND
WILL NEED BEST POSSIBLE TECHNICAL ADVICE TO MAKE STRONG
POSITIVE SUBSTANTIVE IMPACT IN SUPPORT OF USG POSITIONS.

2. US PERMDEL FEELS STRONGLY THAT IT IMPERATIVE TO
HAVE THE SERVICES OF WILLIAM PIERCE, ACTING COMMISSIONER
OF EDUCATION, AND ROBERT LEESTMA, ASSOCIATE COMMISSIONER
FOR INSTITUTIONAL DEVELOPMENT AND INTERNATIONAL
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EDUCATION AS TECHNICAL ADVISORS ON EDUCATION TO USDEL. THIS

IS PARTICULARLY IMPORTANT FOR PARTICIPATION IN DISCUSSION UNITS
8 THROUGH 10 AND AGENDA ITEMS 13, 14, 16, 29,
39, 46 AND 64.1. PIERCE AND LEESTMA ARE HIGHLY
QUALIFIED AND HAVE HAD PREVIOUS EXPERIENCE WITH UNESCO.

3. IN ADDITION PERMDEL RECOMMENDS THE FOLLOWING ALSO BE
ASSIGNED AS TECHNICAL ADVISORS ON EDUCATION DUE TO NEED
FOR THEIR HIGHLY SPECIALIZED CAPABILITIES ON CRITICAL
EDUCATION AGENDA ITEMS PROMISING TO HAVE LONG-RANGE
IMPLICATIONS FOR UNESCO WHICH COULD BE IN CONFLICT WITH
USG INTERESTS:
ITEM 16.2 AND 23 (RECOMMENDATION CONCERNING
EDUCATION FOR INTERNATL UNDERSTANDING, COOPERATION AND
PEACE, ETC.) ... THOMAS BUERGENTHAL, UNIVERSITY OF
TEXAS, AUSTIN, OR JUDITH TORNEY, UNIVERSITY OF
ILLINOIS, CHICAGO CAMPUS.

ITEMS 16.2 AND 23 (REVISED RECOMMENDATION CONCERNING
TECHNICAL & VOCATIONAL EDUCATION) AND (USG DRAFT
RESOLUTION ON TECHNICAL AND VOCATIONAL EDUCATION)
... JOSEPH CASELLO, SPECIAL ASSISTANT TO DEPUTY
COMMISSIONER FOR OCCUPATIONAL AND ADULT EDUCATION,
USOE.

ITEM 24 (RECOMMENDATION CONCERNING STATUS OF
TEACHERS): ... FRANK KLASSEN, DIRECTOR OF INTERNATL
PROGRAMS, AACTE, AND PRESIDENT, INTERNATL COUNCIL ON
EDUCATION FOR TEACHING, AND/OR TERRY HERNDON,
EXECUTIVE SECRETARY, OR BRAULIO ALONSO, DIRECTOR,
INTERNATL RELATIONS, NEA.

ITEM 25 (DRAFT RECOMMENDATION ON ADULT EDUCATION)
... PAUL DELKER, DIRECTOR, DIVISION OF ADULT
EDUCATION, USOE.

ITEM 35 (... REVISING THE RECOMMENDATION CONCERNING
INTERNATL STANDARDIZATION OF EDUCATIONAL
STATISTICS) ... MARIE ELDRIDGE, ADMINISTRATOR, NCES, OR
FRANCIS NASSETTA, DEPUTY ADMINISTRATOR, NCES.

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ITEM 16.2 (PHYSICAL EDUCATION AND SPORT REPORT AND
PROGRAM WILL BE DISCUSSED UNDER THIS ITEM)...
SIMON MCNEELY, SENIOR PROGRAM COORDINATION OFFICER,
STATE AND LOCAL EDUCATION PROGRAMS, BUREAU OF SCHOOL
SYSTEMS, USOE(RESPONSIBLE FOR PHYSICAL EDUCATION
AND SPORT)).

4. PERMDEL RECOMMENDS THAT THOSE ABOVE, PARTICULARLY

PIERCE AND LEESTMA, ATTEND GENERAL CONFERENCE FROM 7
THROUGH 13 NOVEMBER AT A MINIMUM. SHOULD UNESCO MODIFY
CURRENT TIMETABLE, PERMDEL WILL ADVISE.
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